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REORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF MEDICAL PROFESSION UNIONS

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Improved medical service for the peoples of the USSR can be accomplished only by improving the operation of the various medical profession unions.

At present there is an intensive program underway for the unification of hospitals and polyclinics. Professional unions must strive to organize their members to carry out this program successfully. During the first days of the unification program, there was a great deal of uncertainty and many errors were made. As a result, various unions organized classes in which the demands and orders of the Ministry of Public Health USSR were analyzed and explained to the members of the unions.

At the end of 1948, the various unions held a conference at which they discussed the shortcomings in the unification program. Thus, it was possible to present an over-all picture of the status of the program and it was noted that there seemed to be a general decline in the pathologico-anatomical service afforded the peoples of Azerbaidzhan.

It was resolved that professional unions should meet once every 3 months and discuss the progress in therapeutic and prophylactic fields of research. The conference also voted to undertake a program for the training of medical nurses. The need for better dissemination of information among the various medical institutions of the region was mentioned. The suggestion that the Republican Scientific Medical and Political Library acquire an additional 100,000 books was unanimously approved. This library today serves some 3,000 medical men of whom the majority are those serving in agricultural communities.

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